

for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

Such revised allocations, function levels and aggregates shall be considered as allocations, function levels, and aggregates contained in the most recently agreed to concurrent resolution on the budget.

SA 264. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendmend to the resolution S. Res. 43, designating the first day of April 2005 as "National Asbestos Awareness Day"; as follows:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas dangerous asbestos fibers are invisible and cannot be smelled or tasted;

Whereas the inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers can cause significant damage;

Whereas these fibers can cause mesothelioma, asbestosis and other health problems;

Whereas asbestos-related diseases can take 10 to 50 years to present themselves;

Whereas the expected survival time for those diagnosed with mesothelioma is between 6 and 24 months;

Whereas generally little is known about late stage treatment and there is no cure for asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas early detection of asbestos-related diseases may give some patients increased treatment options and might improve their prognosis;

Whereas the United States has substantially reduced its consumption of asbestos yet continues to consume almost 7,000 metric tons of the fibrous mineral for use in certain products throughout the Nation;

Whereas asbestos-related diseases have killed thousands of people in the United States;

Whereas asbestos exposures continue and safety and prevention will reduce and has reduced significantly asbestos exposure and asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas asbestos has been a cause of occupational cancer;

Whereas thousands of workers in the United States face significant asbestos exposure;

Whereas thousands of Americans die from asbestos related diseases every year;

Whereas a significant percentage of all asbestos-related disease victims were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of a significant number of office buildings and public facilities built before 1975; and

Whereas the establishment of a "National Asbestos Awareness Day" would raise public awareness about the prevalence of asbestos-related diseases and the dangers of asbestos exposure: Now, therefore, be it

For further information, please contact Judy Pensabene of the Committee staff at (202) 224-1327.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 11 a.m. to mark up an original bill entitled the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in open Executive Session during the session on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., to consider favorably reporting the nomination of Daniel R. Levinson, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Dirksen Office Building Room 226.

Agenda:

I. Nominations: William G. Myers, III, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Terrence W. Boyle, II, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; Robert J. Conrad, Jr., to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina; James C. Dever, III, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina;

Thomas B. Griffith, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; Paul A. Crotty, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York; J. Michael Seabright, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

II. Bills: Asbestos—S. 378, Reducing Crime and Terrorism at America's Seaports Act of 2005, Biden, Specter, Feinstein, Kyl; S. 188, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Reauthorization Act of 2005, Feinstein, Kyl, Schumer, Cornyn, Durbin, Specter; S. 119, Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act of 2005, Feinstein, Schumer, Durbin, DeWine, Feingold, Kennedy, Brownback, Specter; S. 589, a bill to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, Cornyn, Leahy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 17, 2005, for a committee hearing titled "Back from the Battlefield: Are We Providing the Proper Care for America's Wounded Warriors?"

The hearing will take place in Room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND COAST GUARD

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Coast Guard be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 10 a.m. on Coast Guard Operational Readiness/Mission Balance/FY 2006 Budget Request in SR-253.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2005, at 3 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mindy Lanie, a sign language interpreter from congressional support services, be granted the privileges of the floor during consideration of the budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kathleen

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 6, at 10 a.m. in 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nomination of David Garman to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Strottman be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR AND DISCHARGE

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk. Further, that Harold Damelin, PN87, be discharged from the Governmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate also proceed to its consideration.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

David B. Bolton, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries. (New Position)

Joseph R. DeTrani, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks. (New Position)

John Thomas Schieffer, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan.

R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

C. David Welch, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

Rudolph E. Boschwitz, of Minnesota, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of services as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Jeffrey Clay Sell, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD

George M. Dennison, of Montana, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

James William Carr, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Kiron Kanina Skinner, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Claude R. Kehler, 6600

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Colonel Robert R. Allardice, 0051

Colonel C. D. Alston, 3231

Colonel Michael J. Basla, 6753

Colonel Francis M. Bruno, 3512

Colonel Brooks L. Bash, 3966

Colonel Thomas K. Andersen, 8905

Colonel Herbert J. Carlisle, 9032

Colonel Charles R. Davis, 8766

Colonel Donald Lustig, 4218

Colonel James M. Kowalski, 3604

Colonel Frank J. Kisner, 0380

Colonel Jimmie C. Jackson, Jr., 9118

Colonel Mary K. Hertog, 9595

Colonel Blair E. Hansen, 0421

Colonel Frank Gorenc, 1011

Colonel Gregory A. Feest, 5242

Colonel Daniel R. Dinkins, Jr., 2842

Colonel Robert Yates, 5708

Colonel Janet A. Therianos, 7369

Colonel Mark S. Solo, 7827

Colonel Stephen D. Schmidt, 3532

Colonel Paul G. Schafer, 7952

Colonel Albert F. Riggle, 3194

Colonel Joseph Reynes, Jr., 5709

Colonel Joseph M. Reheiser, 0899

Colonel Robin Rand, 6920

Colonel Ellen M. Pawlikowski, 2245

Colonel Mark H. Owen, 6573

Colonel Joseph F. Mudd, Jr., 8962

Colonel Harold W. Moulton, II, 917

Colonel Christopher D. Miller, 9947

Colonel Gary S. Connor, 3923

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. James J. Dougherty, III, 8516

Col. Patricia C. Lewis, 2054

ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Green, 4130

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Charles K. Ebner, 6011

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. James O. Barclay, III, 4493

Col. Arthur M. Bartell, 7214

Col. Donald M. Campbell, Jr., 3215

Col. Dennis E. Rogers, 6273

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brigadier General Byron S. Bagby, 3934

Brigadier General Vincent E. Boles, 8885

Brigadier General Thomas P. Bostick, 3680
Brigadier General Howard B. Bromberg, 2959

Brigadier General Sean J. Byrne, 2057

Brigadier General Charles A. Cartwright, 2898

Brigadier General Thomas R. Csrnko, 1332

Brigadier General John DeFreitas, III, 7924

Brigadier General Robert E. Durbin, 9354

Brigadier General David A. Fastabend, 5081

Brigadier General Charles W. Fletcher, Jr.,

Brigadier General Daniel A. Hahn, 0301

Brigadier General Rhett A. Hernandez, 7009

Brigadier General Mark P. Hertling, 3917

Brigadier General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr.,

3627

Brigadier General Jerome Johnson, 6280

Brigadier General Gary M. Jones, 0483

Brigadier General William M. Lenaers, 8865

Brigadier General Douglas E. Lute, 2691

Brigadier General Benjamin R. Mixon, 7168

Brigadier General James R. Myles, 2299

Brigadier General Roger A. Nadeau, 8893

Brigadier General David M. Rodriguez, 1850

Brigadier General Richard J. Rowe, Jr.,

5346

Brigadier General Jeffrey J. Schloesser,

3460

Brigadier General Jeffrey A. Sorenson, 3510

Brigadier General Abraham J. Turner, 5542

Brigadier General Robert M. Williams, 6304

Brigadier General Richard P. Zahner, 3707

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Donald L. Jacka, Jr., 5508

To be brigadier general

Col. Jerry D. La Cruz, Jr., 0400

NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Evan M. Chanik, Jr., 9906

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Barry M. Costello, 3332

AIR FORCE

PN149 AIR FORCE nominations (54) beginning Arlene D. * Adams, and ending Robert G. * Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 8, 2005.

PN247 AIR FORCE nominations (54) beginning Erik L. Abrames, and ending Duoqia Xu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 28, 2005.

PN261 AIR FORCE nominations of Steven F. Reck, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 1, 2005.

PN262 AIR FORCE nomination of Mark D. Miller, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 1, 2005.

PN263 AIR FORCE nomination of Nancy B. Grane, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 1, 2005.

PN264 AIR FORCE nomination of Jack M. Davis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 1, 2005.